

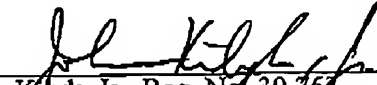
Application No. 10/530,169

Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application is the U.S. national stage of International Application No. PCT/JP2003/012711, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/264,505. The specification has been amended to include the requisite cross-reference to the priority application in the form required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) and consistent with the specification's existing reference to the priority application (see specification page 24, lines 18-21). No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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